

I strongly oppose HB 5262 and SB 184.

Connecticut's state constitution is very clear that qualified voters of the state who are unable to appear at the polling place on the day of election will be afforded the ability to vote by mail because of absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of "sickness", or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular activity.

The Governor and the Secretary of the State need to STOP spend millions of taxpayer dollars to mail ballot applications to every person on Connecticut's voter rolls which are well known to contain tens of thousands of ineligible voters including those who have passed, moved away, or are registered in different locations. In 2020 hundreds of thousands of these ballot applications were returned in the mail. Independent investigators have uncovered duplicate voters, deceased voters, and significant other problems with this type of election.

Other states that have significant mail-in or absentee voting systems have spent decades improving security and making sure the results can be trusted. Connecticut has no such security protection, no voter verification system, no registration verification system, and no method to determine who actually completed each ballot.

Passing this bill will allow for voter fraud. Backing this bill is a step in the wrong direction.

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